

**ABSTRACT**

A latch arrangement including a latch, a release mechanism a manually actuatable element and a control means, the latch being operable to releasably retain a striker in use, the release mechanism being capable of being moved by the manually actuatable element from a rest position through an unlocked position to a release position wherein it unlatches the latch, the control means having a locked condition at which actuation of the manually actuatable element does not cause unlatching of the latch and an unlocked condition at which during an initial movement of the manually actuatable element, the release mechanism achieves the unlocked position and during subsequent movement of the manually actuatable element, the release mechanism achieves the unlatch position.

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